Bus Lines.

258 ✻ MR. P. S. MUHAMED : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether several buses are lying idle in the State ; and

(*b*) the reasons for refusing permission for running buses through some of the over-crowded routes ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

Vaidyasalas.

259. ✻ MR. K. G. GOVINDAN (*Pattanamtitta*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number, if any, of vaidyasalas conducted by women ;

(*b*) the number of such vaidyasalas that are recognised by Government and the number of them that get grants from Government ;

(*c*) whether Government have or the Ayurveda Department has received representations from the people of Konni for giving some grant to a vaidyasala at Konni ;

(*d*) the action taken with respect to such representations ; and

(*e*) whether there was any vaidyasala at Konni either recognised by Government or receiving a grant from Government at any time ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) 11.

(*b*) Grant-in-aid 7, Recognised 4.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) An enquiry was conducted by the Ayurveda Department and on the report of the Honorary Director the petitioners were informed that the Vaidyan concerned had to wait for a grant-in-aid in the ordinary course as she is one of the junior most among the recognised Vaidyans deserving grant-in-aid.

(*e*) Yes. There was a grant-in-aid Vaidyasala for general treatment but the same was shifted to Pathanapuram in 1099 M. E.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : May I know from the member whether—

PRESIDENT : The member who has put the original question has the prior right of putting supplementary questions.

MR. K. G. GOVINDAN : With reference to answer to part (d) may I know when the petitioners were informed of the matter ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : The question was considered and it was found that grant could not be given, because the applicant was one of the junior most among the recognised vaidyans.

MR K. G. GOVINDAN : In the answer it is given that an enquiry was conducted and on the report of the Honorary Director the petitioners were informed of the matter. I want to know when that information was given to the petitioners ?

MR C. KUMARA DAS : I have not got the papers now. I claim notice.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP (*Ambalapuzha cum Shertallai*) : May I know whether the payment of grant depends on the seniority of re-recognised Vaidyans or on the necessity of a vaidyasala at a particular locality ?

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MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The necessity for a vaidyasala in a particular place as well as the seniority of the recognised vaidian concerned all these things are considered in giving grants to vaidyasalas.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP. May I know whether budgetary grants will be made for an Ayurveda Vaidyasalas even without considering the importance or necessity for a particular locality?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Supposing there are two places where grant-in-aid vaidyasalas have to be opened. The points that will be considered are which locality is in greater and whether the person is a recognised vaidyan Other things being equal, those who satisfy the above conditions will be preferred to others who do not.

Electricity.

260 ✻ **MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they could supply electricity to the southern taluks?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON: Under the present conditions due to the war and the consequent difficulty in getting the necessary materials for the extension of the lines, the supply of power to places south of Trivandrum cannot be taken up now.

Electric Current Rates.

261 ✻**MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN**: Will the Government be pleased to state the rate per unit at which electric current from the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Works is being sold to the K. D. H. P. Company, Munnar and the recently started Aluminium Factory at Alwaye?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON: The tariff for the supply of power to Messrs. K. D. H. P. Company is given in a * statement laid on the table. In regard to the tariff relating to the Aluminium Factory the member is referred to the answer to question No. 148 (*b*) at the meeting of the Sri Mulam Assembly on 26th March 1942.

Supply of electricity for Cochin.

262 ✻**MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was any agreement with the Cochin Government for the supply of electricity from Pallivasal; and

(*b*) if so, the terms of the agreement?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON: (*a*) No formal agreement has so far been executed with the Cochin Government.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR (*Karunagapalli* cum *Karthigapalli*): In answer to part (*a*) of the question, may I know whether any informal agreement has been executed?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON: An informal understanding has been reached.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know the nature of that informal understanding?

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